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SUBJ: WORLD YOUTH FESTIVAL IN CUBA

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1. OFFICIAL SURINAMESE SOURCE HAS THROWN ADDITIONAL LIGHT ON DISAGREEMENTS AMONG THE ORGANIZERS OF SURINAM'S DELEGATION TO THE WORLD YOUTH FESTIVAL TO BE HELD IN CUBA BEGINNING JULY 28, BY REVEALING THAT SURINAM NATIONAL YOUTH MOVEMENT, AN ORGANIZATION ATTACHED TO DR. RUBIN LIE PAUW SAM'S PEOPLE'S PARTY, IS AFFILIATED WITH THE WORLD FEDERATION OF DEMOCRATIC YOUTH, DESCRIBED AS THE ORGANIZER OF THE FESTIVAL. NATIONALISTIC REPUBLIC PARTY (PNR) LEADER ROBIN RAVELES, WHO IN SOURCE'S OPINION HAS EVEN BETTER TIES IN CUBA, HAS BEEN TRYING TO ORGANIZE A NATIONAL DELEGATION AND HAD SET UP THE SURINAM NATIONAL PREPARATORY COMMISSION TO INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL INTERESTED POLITICAL PARTIES (ACCORDING TO A COMMUNIQUE RELEASED TO THE PRESS INCLUDING BESIDES THE PNR AND THE PEOPLE'S PARTY, THREE OF PRIME MINISTER ARRON'S COALITION PARTNERS-- THE SURINAM NATIONAL PARTY (NPS), THE PROGRESSIVE SURINAM PEOPLE'S PARTY (PSV), AND THE INDONESIAN FARMER'S PARTY (KTPI)-- AND THE LEADING OPPOSITION PARTY, THE UNITED
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REFORM PARTY (VHP).

2. RAVELES, HOWEVER, FOUND THAT LIE PAUW SAM'S GROUP CAME TO DOMINATE THE PREPARATIONS FOR SURINAM'S PARTICIPATION IN THE FESTIVAL, AND THIS EVENTUALLY LED TO HIS TRIP TO GEORGETOWN ON APRIL 25 (REPORTED REFTTEL), WHERE ACCORDING TO SOURCE HE MET WITH CUBAN AMBASSADOR TO DISCUSS THE MATTER.

RAVELES HAS NOW REPORTEDLY TRAVELED TO BARBADOS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NATIONAL PREPARATORY COMMITTEES OF COUNTRIES IN THE CARIBBEAN AREA.

3. IN SOURCE'S OPINION, LIE PAUW SAM HAS THE STRONGER HAND IN THE QUESTION OF SURINAM REPRESENTATION IN CUBA BECUASE OF HIS ALREADY ESTABLISHED AFFILIATION WITH THE FESTIVAL'S PROMOTERS. HOWEVER, SOURCE DESCRIBED CUBAN ATTITUDE TOWARD DISAGREEMENTS BETWEEN LIE PAUW SAM AND RAVELES AS A MATTER TO BE SETTLED IN SURINAM, AND ADDED AN EXPECTATION THAT THE CUBANS WOULD ASSIST IN BRINGING THE CONTENDING PARTIES TO SOME KIND OF COMPROMISE.
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